

Social and Personal

THE reception at the Country Club of Virginia this afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock will be one of the handsomest entertainments given since the beautiful new clubhouse was first thrown open to its members. An orchestra will play during the evening, and there will be dancing for the younger members. The clubhouse has been decorated with quantities of holly and cedar, and the mantels and tables of the main reception hall are all decorated in Jerusalem cherry plants and vases of poinsettias. The railings of the gallery are wound with similar and garlands of cedar, and scarlet streamers are used everywhere. From the middle chandelier in the main hall an enormous bunch of mistletoe is hung, and small red bells are strung from the other two. American Beauty roses decorate the tables in the dining room, and holly wreaths are hung at each window.

Those receiving this afternoon will be: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Coke, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. George Warren, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Haves, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Cabell, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. Wilmer, Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Northman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Palmer, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Pegram, Mr. and Mrs. T. Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. W. Young, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. McAdams, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Borden, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Leary, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Coke, Mrs. Charles E. Whitlock.

The street car company will run a special fifteen minutes' schedule from 1 o'clock until midnight to accommodate the guests attending the reception. Members of the club and the out-of-town guests have been included in the invitations.

Concerning Princess Troubetskoy. Princess Troubetskoy, better known as Annette Rives, whose new novel, "Pan's Mountain," has recently been published, is to spend the remainder of the winter in New York. "Castle Hill," in Albemarle county, where the author's former home was, has been leased to Frederick Sears, of Boston, for several years. While writing "Pan's Mountain," Princess Troubetskoy spent some time traveling in Italy and Serbia.

Mrs. Lankford Entertained. Mrs. Claude M. Deane entertained at bridge, while Tuesday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Menalucis Lankford, of Norfolk, who has been the guest of relatives in Richmond for the holidays. The parlors were decorated in American Beauty roses.

Attend Petersburg Dance. Miss Lucy McElwaine Davis, who has been a recent guest of friends in this city, was presented to society Thursday at a lovely house dance which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kyrie Davis, were hosts at their home in Petersburg. Miss Alice Coleman Davis, of Richmond, also was present, and a number of Richmond people were present at the dance. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Mann S. Valentine, Miss Edith Donnan, Miss Dorothy Christian, Branch Morgan, Stanley Freeman, Walter Moon, F. H. Moore, Wallace Blanton, George Morgan, Charles Whitlock, William Grigg, William Hodges, Mann, Jr., J. B. Kirtley, Thomas B. Atkinson, Dr. Herbert Mann, Dr. H. Jones, Dr. Merrick, Dr. Henry McElwaine and others.

In Honor of Miss Williams. Mr. and Mrs. William T. Broome have issued invitations for a party to be given Monday from 4 to 5 o'clock in their residence in Raleigh Square, Norfolk, in honor of their guest, Miss Williams, of Richmond.

Lecture at Art Club. Dugald S. Walker, formerly of this city, now of New York, will lecture at the Richmond Art Club this afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mr. Walker has exhibited at the Academy of Fine Arts and also in the New York Water Color Club. Several other former members of the Art Club are in Richmond, and will be present at the reception, which will follow the lecture. They are: M. M. Straus and Miss Elizabeth Ewing. The club rooms have been attractively decorated in Christmas greens and red flowers for the occasion.

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Archibald W. Duke was the groom's best man, and Mrs. Lon Anthony was the bride. The bride wore a traveling suit of navy blue broadcloth, with hat and gloves to match, and carried a bride's bouquet.

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Navy, grey and brown; special 15c
White Knitted Gloves for women; special 15c
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DEPOSITORS NOT EXPECTED TO LOSE

Bank Examiner to Begin Investigation at Alexandria To-Day.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Alexandria, Va., December 30.—The work of examining the accounts of the Virginia State Deposit and Trust Corporation, which institution yesterday morning was thrown into the hands of receivers, will be begun to-morrow morning by National Bank Examiner Coates, of Richmond, who reached here this evening.

John S. Barbour, one of the receivers, stated this morning that as soon as Mr. Coates completes his work a statement will be given out to the public regarding the financial affairs of this institution. Nothing, however, can be learned definitely at this time. Mr. Barbour was unable to say just when the work will be completed. The regular force of employees is still at the bank engaged in straightening out its affairs, pending the arrival of Mr. Coates.

Messrs. Moncreux, Wampler & Gothe, attorneys of Alexandria county, representing a number of clients, this morning notified Judge J. K. M. Norton, of this city, who is one of the receivers, that to-morrow morning they would appear in the Corporation Court at 10 o'clock to have Judge L. C. Boyd try and ask for the appointment of a co-receiver, in the interest of clients whom they represent.

While no official statement as to the outcome can be given out yet concerning the bank, the opinion prevails among many of the members of the board of directors that the depositors will lose nothing. The majority of the local depositors feel optimistic over the outcome, and are not in the least alarmed. A few there are, however, who are somewhat "fled up" as a result of the bank's closing its doors.

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ENGINEER AND FIREMAN KILLED IN COLLISION
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., December 30.—An engineer and his fireman were crushed to death at Ben Hur, Lee county, yesterday morning, when an engine collided with a car. The engine had stalled and it became necessary to cut it into two sections. As the engine was being backed to pick up the second section, the engineer, it is said, had misjudged his location, and thus came upon the cars at full speed.

The dead engineer was in a wreck at Ben Hur tunnel ten days ago, when his engine collided with a heap of stones.

Will Be Hotel Manager.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Hampton, Va., December 30.—George F. Adams, manager of Hotel Chamberlain, has been selected to manage White Sulphur Springs next season.

"Just Say" HORLICK'S
It Means Original and Genuine Malted Milk

The Food-drink for All Ages. More healthful than Tea or Coffee. Agrees with the weakest digestion. Delicious, invigorating and nutritious. Rich milk, malted grain, powder form.

A quick lunch prepared in a minute. Take no substitute. Ask for HORLICK'S. Others are imitations.

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Good as the Name. Virginia Made. F. W. Dabney & Co. Try a Pair To-Day

HEALTH for you
On Solid Foundation Results Guaranteed

Ask Your Druggist About **MILAM**

This May Manton Shoe in all Leathers

Parrish Bros.
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Special—Odds and ends in Furniture, Iron Beds, Mattings, Stoves, etc. Cheap to close them out.

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THE HALLMARK STORE

Men's Bath and Smoking Jackets Reduced

\$3.98 Robes now \$2.75
\$4.98 Robes now \$3.50
\$6.48 Robes now \$4.75
\$4.98 Smoking Jackets \$3.50
(See window display.)

MERCHANT GETS SIXTY-DAY TERM

Convicted on Charge of Buying Stolen Ham, and Appeals to Higher Court.

On the charge of stealing fifty pounds of lard from W. S. Forbes & Company, Bernard Meyers and William Kerr, both white, and their case continued in the police Court yesterday morning to January 3. John Davis, colored, who is supposed to be a member of the gang, was convicted of stealing a ham from the same establishment, and given sixty days in jail. B. Rosenstein, a merchant, who purchased the ham from Davis at about one-third the market price, was sentenced to sixty days. He took an appeal, and gave bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at the next term of the Hustings Court.

Joseph Christian was sent on to the grand jury on the charge of breaking into the pressing and cleaning establishment of C. E. Brooks and stealing clothes to the amount of \$50. This was on November 30. He was also charged with breaking into the same place December 29 and taking \$5 worth of stuff. He was sent to the grand jury on that charge also. The charge of entering the store of E. Pellico was continued to January 19.

Charles Heuss, a white man, was sent on for breaking into a car of the Atlantic Coast Line and taking a barrel of beer bottles.

A. Zimmer, white, charged with being drunk, disorderly and resisting arrest, was fined \$25 and placed under security of \$100 for six months. Norman Brown, for resisting an officer, got the same fine and gave security for sixty days.

ARGUMENT IN CASE AGAINST STANDARD

Company Is Charged With Violation of North Carolina Anti-Trust Law.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Raleigh, N. C., December 30.—For more than five hours to-day Police Justice Alex Stromach heard argument in the case against the Standard Oil Company, charging violation of the anti-trust law. The argument was heard in the afternoon, and the case is expected to be decided to-morrow.

N. N. Holdridge, W. B. Snow argued to-day for the Standard, and Walter Clark, Jr., City Attorney, spoke for the prosecution. Attorney-General T. W. Dickert will close for the State, and the concluding argument for the Standard will be made by the defendant.

Counsel for the Standard argue that nothing has been proven in the investigation except that prices of oil have fallen since the Standard entered the market, and a downward tendency of prices generally, and that even now the prices in Raleigh are not as low as they ought to be with the wholesale price at 7 1/2 cents and the Norfolk and Baltimore prices 4 1/2 cents.

On the other hand, the Standard is insisting that a case against the Standard is made out in that the cuts have only come within the year after competition entered the field, and that cuts by the Standard are shown to be considerably below what oil can be gotten for to-day, to supply the wholesale trade. They claim also to have proven that the Standard is selling its oil lower here than in neighboring towns, to the degree to prove purpose of fighting competition.

HELD FOR GRAND JURY.
Michael Garland, Jr., must answer to charge of killing Negro woman. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Lexington, Va., December 30.—Michael J. Garland, Jr., a white man, was held for the action of the grand jury by Mayor L. P. Furness in the Phoenix Police Court to-day, on a charge of murdering Jessie Banks, a negro woman. M. J. Garland, Sr., the father of the accused man, who was arrested on Thursday, gave up his freedom, as the evidence showed that the son was the person responsible for the woman's death. The coroner's jury today found a verdict that "the woman came to her death from kicks and blows delivered by M. J. Garland, Jr., a deliberate and malicious murder."

Garland, who is thirty-five years old, resided with his father, a retired United States army sergeant, in Phoenix.

George Murphy and George Williams, negroes, given ten years in the penitentiary for highway robbery, have been taken to that institution by Guard Brown.

Two Couples United.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., December 30.—A. R. Graham of Hinton, W. Va., and Miss Mabel Bayless, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Bayless, of North Garden, this county, were married yesterday at the bride's home, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. E. E. Lamb, of the Baptist Church. After an extended tour North they will go to Hinton to make their home.

The same minister united in marriage Thomas Wright, a young machinist, and Miss Maude Adams, of North Garden. The ceremony took place at the bride's home, the groom's father, who has a summer home near Albemarle, this county, but is engaged in business in Philadelphia. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Wright left for the North.

Death Due to Catarrhal Bronchitis.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Charlottesville, Va., December 30.—The death of George Roger, infant son of Dr. E. E. Reinhold Roger, headmaster of Jefferson School, was caused, it is said, by catarrhal bronchitis, instead of infantile paralysis, as at first reported.

Coleman-Parker.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., December 30.—George B. Coleman and Miss Jennie Lillian Parker, both of Spotsylvania county, came here yesterday evening and were married at the residence of Rev. H. H. Barber at the latter's residence.

Williams-Alsop.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Fredericksburg, Va., December 30.—Virgil L. Williams and Mrs. Annie M. Alsop, of Spotsylvania county, came here and were married yesterday by Rev. H. H. Barber at the latter's residence.

NEGROES GIVEN LIFE SENTENCES

Bailey and Hairston Receive Commutation at Hands of Governor.

CHANGE IN LICENSE DATE
Insurance Companies Under Strict Surveillance—Roads in Bedford.

Commutations of sentence from capital punishment to imprisonment for life were granted yesterday by Governor Mann to Thomas Bailey and James Hairston, of Henry county, who were convicted of the murder of Sidney Woods. In view of the circumstances which have preceded this action the commutation was not unexpected.

One man—John Eccles—has already paid the death penalty for his crime, having left a son of "confession" in which he said that the negroes convicted with him were innocent. In fact, the nature of the case is such that it is likely the Governor will later take the matter up again, with a view to further clemency.

The negroes have been reprieved many times, and were to have died January 15.

Excursion Train Now.
The whole bunch of colored men were on an excursion train, which had been run from North Carolina to Roanoke. On the return trip a fight occurred as the result of which Sidney Woods, one of the negroes, was found dead, stabbed to the heart. Several negroes were arrested, charged with the crime, and were later tried in Henry county.

John Eccles, Thomas Bailey and James Hairston were condemned to death in the electric chair. Pledge Penn, who had been convicted of a crime, was acquitted at his trial. Eccles made a confession after his trial, in which he said that he and another negro, who has never been caught, were alone implicated in the killing, and that the others were innocent. The missing man, he said, struck the fatal blow. Eccles went to his death without further explanation.

There seems to be some doubt about the whole affair, and it is the understanding that Pledge Penn, who was acquitted, was probably in the same position as those whose terms were yesterday commuted.

LICENSE FOR SHORT TERM

Insurance Companies Will Pay Next Week for Months Only.

Because of a change made in the law by the last Legislature, all insurance companies doing business in Virginia, when they set their annual license fee on January 1, will pay for only one-third of the year, as hereafter. This applies to life, fire, marine, surety, mutual aid, mutual benefit, guarantee, sick benefit, liability, firemen's liability, health, credit, fidelity, burglary, accident, plate glass, steam boiler, tornado, automatic sprinkler, assessment, United Brethren and live stock insurance companies. It does not, however, apply to fraternal beneficiary associations.

The amendment to the law was brought about at the instance of the Bureau of Insurance. Companies are required to make annual reports of their business as of date of January 1, which cannot be made for some weeks after that date. In the meantime, under the old law, they were licensed to transact business for the year on January 1.

Caused Confusion.
Thus, if, after examination of the report, some of the concerns would be found to be in undesirable financial circumstances, considerable machinery would have to be invoked to secure a suspension of license.

Under the new arrangement, all licenses will be issued on May 1. By that time all the annual reports will have been carefully examined, and the department may judge as to the propriety of renewing licenses. To make an equitable arrangement, for this year the license will be given for the next week for four months only, paying the pro rata share, which will be \$66.67 each. Then, on May 1, they will take out new licenses for a year from that date.

This, of course, refers only to the licenses for the next year.

N-Y's Drinks

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CASCARETS—10c box—Week's treatment. All druggists. Biggest seller in the world. Million boxes a month.

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IN EVERY PANTRY WHERE PURITY PREVAILS.
CHASIE TRAFIERI, Importer.
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Holiday Slippers
Porter's Specialty Shoe Store,
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Back of Thibault's.

It is better not to be without **Butter Nut Bread**
NOLDE BROS.

"GREEN CASTLE"
Kitchen Cabinets will lessen kitchen labor. Try one. Sold by **Rothert & Co.,**
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In To-Morrow's Times-Dispatch and Save Shoe Money :: :: ::

The Greatest Shoe Sale Ever Offered

standing tax of \$200 on each company. The additional tax on gross receipts is payable later on.

ALL WANT GOOD ROADS
Bedford County Districts Vie With Each Other in Agitation.

Recent developments in the good roads situation in Bedford county show that the magisterial districts are falling over each other to get in the game. For some time agitation for a bond issue has proceeded in one of the districts, aided by the State Highway Department.

At a meeting held several weeks ago it was stated that two other districts wanted to issue bonds, and it was suggested that the matter be delayed until these could fix upon the roads they desired to have improved, and the amount of bond issue necessary. Accordingly action was deferred. When these districts were ready, another meeting was held a few days ago, and it was found that the fourth and remaining magisterial district did not want to issue bonds, and so another postponement became necessary.

In view of the fact that there will be no other session of the Circuit Court until March, it is now expected that the entire matter of calling an election will be necessarily deferred until that month.

Concrete Burial Vaults.
The Newport News Egyptian Burial Vault Corporation was given a charter yesterday by the State Corporation Commission. It is understood it proposes to have a system of molds for making concrete burial vaults, rendering them impregnable to attack and cheapening the cost of construction.

Paint Another Portrait.
Governor Mann yesterday announced his intention of having a portrait of ex-Governor Andrew Jackson Montague painted for installation in its proper place in the portrait gallery in the State Library. One picture was painted of Governor Montague, and it was hung, but it was not regarded as a good likeness, and was removed. The cost will be paid out of the Governor's contingent fund, which is customary. A place has been left between the pictures of Governor Tyler and Governor Swanson.

JUDGE SUSTAINS VERDICT OF JURY
Smyth Treasurer Removed From Office and Successor Appointed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Marion, Va., December 30.—Pursuant to adjournment, Judge Hutson convened his court this morning and delivered a lengthy opinion in the rule of the Commonwealth vs. J. L. C. Anderson, Treasurer of Smyth county, in which he reviewed the history of the case from its inception. The judge recited the various statutes defining the duties of the treasurer, and showed that under the evidence of the case almost every statute had been violated by the treasurer. He declined to set aside the verdict of the jury, and said he thought the verdict was a just and proper one, and that if there was any error on the instructions given by the court it was in favor of the defendant. His judgment was that the treasurer should be removed from office, in accordance with the verdict of the jury, and this was ordered. The court further said that it was his intention to appoint a Republican to supply the vacancy, as he thought that was the proper thing to do, and he appointed George A. Collins, a prominent merchant of Marion, to fill the unexpired term.

A large crowd was present to hear the court's opinion, and it was followed by the great throng of people. It was an elaborate judicial recital of the law and the evidence of the case, and was conclusive in its findings. Counsel for Anderson, at the conclusion of the opinion, moved for a suspension of judgment for the purpose of asking for an appeal to the Supreme Court, but the motion was withdrawn, and it was announced that no appeal would be applied for.

At the conclusion of his opinion the court announced that his opinion received a petition, signed by certain citizens of Marion and vicinity, before the grand jury, and the trial of Anderson in office, and said that if the court granted the request of those citizens that the proceedings before the grand jury, and the trial of Anderson, lasting altogether more than ten days, would be a farce; that the petition was ill advised, and that Mr. Anderson had been convicted by an impartial jury, and in the opinion of the court the jury had rendered a proper verdict, which the court had refused to set aside, that the court could not grant the petition without stultifying itself.